England's ex-Chief Excutioner on Capital Punishment

HE HAS HUNG MANY MEN

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One of the questions which is most bequently put to me is whether I betwee that capital punishment is right at proper. In some cases I believe that is is. If I may attach much weight the Sortptural injunction: "Whose haddeth man's blood, by man shall his laid be shed." I think that the abolims of capital punishment would be a fames of the Divine command. There-re, I would not abolish capital punishment altogether, but, as I shall explain the. I would greatly alter the conditions under which it is imposed.

For eight and one-half years I was beginned a official hangman, and during in bolding of that most important office I have conducted executions broughout the whole length and readth of Great Britain and Ireland, and have personally supervised the putter number of executions that have

have been engaged to act in bundred cases, but out of that num-



ms advisable in dealing with the m of punishment in any shape to it from two points of view; first, shment, pure and simple, as we used the word—an unpleasant word—for evildoing; and second, some of deterring or dissunding from evil doing. I believe the daw to be the more important

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the strongest nature. If this is true since offenses it is equally true in m of murder. A man, suffering me long spell of alcoholic indulus, sings his wife in a drunken fren-After he becomes cober he knows what has happened. I say that the who commits such a dreadful deed by those circumstances should be redist as suffering from temporary indig. To take his life on the gallows in the above that the law which implementation is a bad one and should. aid be allowed to suffer the

inconscious of the dread deed winch his hands committed, it would be unreasonable to hold him fully responsible for his actions. But what should be done? The deed was committed and the man did it, and the law says hang him.

I have come to the conclusion that in drunkenness lies the first incentive to crime. Although I take a drop myself occasionally I never exceed the bounds of moderation during business hours. There are many more cases in which extenuating circumstances should be taken into account. Ungovernable temper I regard as a species of insanity.

I am of the opinion that the creature who, in cold blood and with caim determination, does to death one or more of his fellow creatures, does not suffer one tithe of the mental torture before execution which is endured by the man who, under some distracting influence, had—to put it in a mild way—killed a fellow creature by accident. Fitting worldly requital other than forfeiture of life mig-i, possibly be devised in the former case, and I venture to suggest in the latter case adequate punishment should be substituted.

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I consider capital punishment something in the nature of a diagrace to an age of civilization. Whenever I read now of an execution I am seized with a sickening reciling, not wholly to be accounted for by the more or less revolting details before me. I cannot help being moved by the thought that I am a member of a community which allows (certainly more or less thoughtlessly) a practice to be continued that in years to come will, I feel sure, be looked upon as a relic of barbarism. I cherish the hope of living to indulge in such retrespection.

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It is an entirely painful thing to see measurement and individuals trying to make party capital out of an execution carried out under the existing law, and I trust the public will not allow those dangerous and hideonaly unjust remarks which sometimes appear in prints to influence them under any circumstances. Let us remember how easy and how difficult and unpleasant it must be to do one's duty when in a position of serious responsibility, which may involve the necessity of shutting one's cars to these cries for mercy which one would so willingly grant if possible. Let us not, by showing a feeling in a subject which should be secred from the jarring sounds of political warfare, weaken the arguments for or against a general principle. For my part, notwithstanding any argument which may be brought to bear against me for having carried out the very grewome work which devoted upon me, I am content to rely on the grounds of humanity sod expediency of the sand other reasons I have turned against capital punishment in England.

A man with influential friends in Beginnd, though he may commit a met brutel, cold-blooded and premeditated marder, stands an excellent mane of cheating the gallows by getting his sentance changed to penal territions of the sand and account to the content mane of the sale and the reasons I have currently of the proposed to be a fariation country. Often the criminal who is most deserving of pity gets the last of it, and the man who has been alreaded all his life is made a pet of the sale and I have come to the conclusion, after what I have witnessed through eight years and a half of a terrible emprison, that capital punishment is most deserving of pity gets the last of it, and the man who has been infraseded all his life is made a pet of the sale and I have come to the conclusion. I know from experience. I am thorougheight on one criminal, while another only the proposed to be a second to the current per

penalty on one criminni, while another convict, who has committed a most desperate murder, got off with imprisonment for life. I have heard a criminal confess, after being reprieved, that he actually committed the deed. Yet two of his comrades, who were sentenced to death at the asme time, were summarily hanged. In England it is a common thing for certain criminals to most with favor at the hands of a judge or secretary of state. I referparticularly to persons in high life, who ought to be the very persons that ought to suffer most, as they are taught to know better. If a poor working man happens to kill his wife by a fatal blow, or a stab by a knife in a heat of passion, he has to be hanged. But if a lady (Mra. Montagus, for instance) tortured installed to death, she is let off with; if months inprisonment. The law of a fatal man life is rotten and so is the way in which it is administered. I have executed men for whom I have had a certain amount of respect, because I thought at the time they wave meeting a fate which they did not altoguisher deserve. Very few men or woman pass away panitent or prepared for another world.

After reading the accounts of chectrocations at Bing Sing, a gentleman, whose name I shall not mention, wrote far me to go to his piace of business in hanchester on a carvain different electric lights for different places. Our first trial was with his own large astriever dog, which was suffering at the time from some disease. The dog was mussied, his legs were secured, and a round place of steel plate was tied to his head, with a wire fastened at the center in a hole drilled through the place. A wire was twisted twice around his tail. The man who attended the instrument gave the signal to case who was responsible for the dynamo. A shock went right through the dog. He was then unfastened, moved several times and yelled out, and after a few minutes elapsed site of the captrad. I have not yet been able to rough any scale in the surface of the captrad. I have not yet been able to rough any consu

In the country about Homolics, in Hungary, a number of men had died, leaving young widows who, after a time, became ongaged to be married again. The graves of the dead husbands were all found to have been disturbed, and further investigation proved that the graves and the coffice in them had been opened and the heads of the that the graves and the coffice in them had been opened and the beads of the copyed to suffer the being copyed and the widows had thus as among the people that the graves and the widows had thus as are secondable for a very large of crimes, but the influence of the people that widows who married again would in the brital night and for improvement of the influence of the people that widows who married again would in the brital night and for improvement of their first husbands unless the influence of the influence of the influence of the people that widows who married again would in the brital night and for improvement of their first husbands unless the influence of their first husbands un



MRS. H. C. TAYLOR. tion, and for this reason much attaches to the pretty girls who have of late become the wives of young Chicago

Mrs. Taylor, wife of Hobart C. Taylor, "divinely tall and most divinely fair," is twenty-two years of age. She has a sensitive complexion, light brown hair and warm, kindling, gray eyes. Her brow is broad and open, her nose slightly retrousse, with firm lower face, made tender and sweetened by a most pleasing mouth. When seen in profile Mrs. Taylor's head shows straight, strong, almost boxlike lines. She is quick, sudden, impulsive in movement rather than graceful, and her attitudes indicate earnestness, originality and purpose rather than repose. In manner she is natural, cordial, full of a beautiful gra-

ciousness and a discerning affability.

Mrs. Taylor is the youngest daughter of ex-Senator and Mrs. C. B. Farwell.

Her wedding was one of great brilliancy, and to it were bidden 2,000 guests. Unand to it were bidden 2,000 guests. Under a June sky at Lake Forest, the country seat of the Farwells, the marriage was celebrated. This lovely spot is well christened, the united words "lake" and "forest" being descriptive of its charms, the former grand old Lake Michigan and the forest an almost primeval one. The special train that bore the expectant groom and guests from Chicago was gayly garlanded. The newspapers of even date held columns descriptive of the floral decorations. Into the lover's knot alone, above the chancel, were

knot alone, above the chancel, were woven 4,000 rosebuds. The bride, noble and peerless in her snowy satisf robe, was served by seven maids wearing the



even rainbow hues. It was a day of perfect weather and a marriage which called only for congratulations. These were received on the velvet turfed lawn under a canopy of green, above which

Singular as it may seem, it is true that the sun in gathering the mists from off the lake made visible a bright rain-bow, which seemed indeed reflected in bow, which seemed indeed reflected in the gay booth holding the bridal party; the variegated toilets of the maids standing in semicircle hinted of the curving bow seen by old Noah after his journey in the great ark had safely terminated. As all the rays of the spectrum are known to be present and reflected in pure white, it seemed as thought a line of light passing through the snowy lovliness of the bride had let fall upon each maiden a prismatic color.

Directly following the marriage Mr. Taylor took his wife abroad, where until recently they have loitered, spending the major part of their stay in London. They have recently opened their hand-

They have recently opened their hand-some Prairie avenue house. There they dispense an almost prodigal hospitality. Both are genuinely admired, and both are devotedly happy in a mutual affec-

One solid square on Michigan avenue will hold two palatial mansions built for the sons of Mr. Philip D. Armour. One already stands completed and will be occupied the approaching autumn. The two young wives who will preside over these superb houses are singularly domestic for women so attractive and youthful

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Mrs. P. D. Armour, Jr., the earlier wedded, is of medium height and fair brown in hair and eyes. She possesses that excellent thing in woman, "s voice ever soft, gentle and low," using it in quick, easy and charming conversational encounters. French falls musically and fluently from her tongue. Of noble character and sunny disposition, she owns acter and sunny disposition, she owns an intellect that enkindles and enriches as well as a heart which blesses and cheers all who fall under its sweet in-fluence.

ray Hill, New York. When but a babe Mrs. Armour lost her mother, and she became at once the idol, care and com-rade of her father and his constant com-panion accompanying him on long and interesting travels in America and for-

eign laris.

Mrs. Armour was but recently freed from school when she wedded Chicago's from school when she wedded Chicago's young millionaire. In person she is tall, with perfectly developed figure and a coloring whose hues announce excep-tionally fine health. Her eyes are dark, penetrating and imminous. That she should pass from a joyous maidenhood to happy wifehood seems eminently fitting to those who know her.

She is practiced in athletic sports and is a fearless equestrienne. In music she commands high place; especially is she cultivated as a vocalist. Her husband

is a graduate of Yale. One autumnal afternoon in 1830 a handsome brougham carrying a single lady passed down Chicago streets followed by stylish equipages. The upholstery of the brougham was wholly concealed beneath a curtain of orange blossoms, and its door frames, coachman, harmoss whin and horses were man, barness, whip and horses were decorated with the same nuptial token. Inside set Miss Rosalie Buckingham in ivory satin bridal robe, upon which skillful needlewomen exquisitely had wrought royal embroiderings of orange rus, leaves and branches. Upon the delicate border of her fleecy veil tiny



orange buds were imprinted also by cunning fingers, and its airy tissue was caught and held by a high wreath of the same flower. The procession was novel, most surprisingly poetic for prosaic city streets, and thousands watched its progress and arrival at Central Music hall. where Professor David Swing said the service that united in wedlock Miss Buckingham and Mr. Henry G. Sel-

fridge.

Striking in originality both of presence and opinions, Mrs. Selfridge is one of the individuals of society who directs her living after a pattern of her own fashioning. She is of strong nature and gentle feelings, with quick perceptions and an intelligent sympathy. A spontaneity governs her, and no one incidentally meeting her but gives instant recognition to her force. Yet withal there is about her the winsomeness of child nature with its openness and trust.

Her appearance is oriental, her coloring rich and dark. She indulges her

ing rich and dark. She indulges her passionate love of adornment by wearing often a burden of sparkling gems that would eclipse one less brilliant of eye or unpossessed of her quick wit.

For years an indefatigable traveler, Mrs. Selfridge visited all the countries of central Europe, India, China, Japan, as well as the icebound regions of the for north. She was a paintaking structure. far north. She was a painstaking stu-dent and is colloquial mistress of many tongues. She also made a study of art, and her work is creditably done. To these she adds musical accomplishment, the harp and mandolin being with her

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Applicant—Please, mum; when I told

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Chronic catsrrh is, by far, the most prevalent disease in the United States; at least one person out of every three is in some degree affected by it. Probably the most common sear of the disease is in some part of the air passages, viz., nose, throat, larynx, brenchial tubes and lungs. Chronic catarrh, however, is by no means confinet to these parts; for the stomach, towels, kidneys and pelvic organs are frequently affected by it.

The treatment for chronic catarrh, wherever located, consists of first, local treatment, which includes gar gles, sprays, deuches, inhalents, snoff, creams, suppositories and atomized

freams, suppositories and atomized flinds. These remedies are useful only as palliatives. They can never effect a

The treatment of catarrh consists, second, of the proper regulation of ford and drink, and is a very important tem in the treatment of any case.

The third item in the treatment of catarrh is the regulation of the bodily habits, as to clothing, exercise, cleanly now and sleep.

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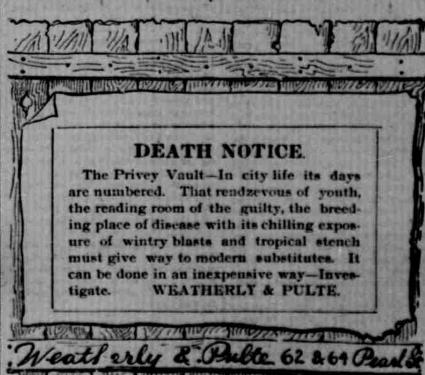
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